

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S405–S432

Measures Introduced: Thirty-five bills and six resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 426–460, and S. Res. 65–70. **Pages S425–26**

Measures Passed:

Chinese Surveillance Balloon: Committee on Armed Services was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 49, expressing the sense of the Senate that the Chinese Communist Party’s espionage mission to send a surveillance balloon across the United States, in violation of international law, is unacceptable and should be condemned, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S431**

Chinese Surveillance Balloon: Senate agreed to S. Res. 66, condemning the use by the People’s Republic of China of a high-altitude surveillance balloon over the territory of the United States as a brazen violation of United States sovereignty. **Page S431**

Career and Technical Education Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 67, supporting the goals and ideals of “Career and Technical Education Month”. **Pages S431–32**

National Entrepreneurship Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 68, designating the week of February 11 through February 18, 2023, as “National Entrepreneurship Week” to recognize the importance and contributions of entrepreneurs and startups to the economic prosperity of the United States and the well-being of every community across the United States. **Pages S431–32**

National FFA Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 69, expressing support for the designation of February 18 through February 25, 2023, as “National FFA Week”, recognizing the important role of the National FFA Organization in developing the next generation of globally conscious leaders who will change the world and in celebration of the 95th anniversary of the National FFA Organization. **Pages S431–32**

George Washington Carver Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 70, expressing support for the designation

of February 1, 2023, as “George Washington Carver Day”. **Pages S431–32**

Omnibus Funding: Senate agreed to S. Res. 59, authorizing expenditures by committees of the Senate for the periods March 1, 2023, through September 30, 2023, October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024, and October 1, 2024, through February 28, 2025. **Page S432**

Calabretta Nomination—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Daniel J. Calabretta, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of California. **Page S412**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 52 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. EX. 19), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S412**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that, notwithstanding Rule XXII, the vote on confirmation of the nomination of Daniel J. Calabretta occur at 11:30 a.m., on Thursday, February 16, 2023; that if cloture is invoked on the nomination of Lester Martinez-Lopez, of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense, the vote on confirmation of the nomination occur following disposition of the nomination of Daniel J. Calabretta; and that the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Maria Araujo Kahn, of Connecticut, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit be at 1:45 p.m., on Thursday, February 16, 2023. **Page S412**

Martinez-Lopez Nomination—Cloture: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Lester Martinez-Lopez, of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense. **Page S419**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 64 yeas to 33 nays (Vote No. EX. 21), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S419**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination, post-cloture, at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, February 16, 2023. **Page S432**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 52 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. EX. 17), Adrienne C. Nelson, of Oregon, to be United States District Judge for the District of Oregon. **Page S408**

By 51 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. EX. 20), Ana C. Reyes, of the District of Columbia, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia.

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During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 52 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. EX. 18), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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Measures Placed on the Calendar: **Page S423**

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Additional Statements: **Page S423**

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Record Votes: Five record votes were taken today. (Total—21) **Pages S408-09, S412, S418–19**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:19 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, February 16, 2023. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S432.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Appropriations: Committee announced the following subcommittee assignments for the 118th Congress:

Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies: Senators Heinrich (Chair), Feinstein, Tester, Merkley, Baldwin, Manchin, Peters, Hoeven, McConnell, Collins, Moran, Hyde-Smith, and Fischer.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies: Senators Shaheen (Chair), Feinstein, Reed, Coons, Schatz, Manchin, Van Hollen, Merkley, Peters, Moran, Murkowski, Collins, Capito, Kennedy, Hagerty, Britt, and Fischer.

Subcommittee on Department of Defense: Senators Tester (Chair), Durbin, Feinstein, Murray, Reed, Schatz, Baldwin, Shaheen, Murphy, Collins, McConnell, Murkowski, Graham, Moran, Hoeven, Boozman, and Capito.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development: Senators Feinstein (Chair), Murray, Tester, Durbin, Shaheen, Merkley, Coons, Baldwin, Heinrich, Kennedy, McConnell, Murkowski, Graham, Hoeven, Hyde-Smith, Hagerty, and Britt.

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government: Senators Van Hollen (Chair), Durbin, Coons, Manchin, Heinrich, Hagerty, Boozman, Kennedy, and Rubio.

Subcommittee on Department of Homeland Security: Senators Murphy (Chair), Murray, Tester, Shaheen, Baldwin, Peters, Britt, Murkowski, Capito, Kennedy, and Hyde-Smith.

Subcommittee on Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies: Senators Merkley (Chair), Feinstein, Reed, Tester, Van Hollen, Heinrich, Peters, Murkowski, McConnell, Capito, Hoeven, Fischer, and Britt.

Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies: Senators Baldwin (Chair), Murray, Durbin, Reed, Shaheen, Merkley, Schatz, Murphy, Manchin, Capito, Graham, Moran, Kennedy, Hyde-Smith, Boozman, Britt, and Rubio.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch: Senators Reed (Chair), Murphy, Van Hollen, Fischer, and Rubio.

Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies: Senators Murray (Chair), Reed, Tester, Schatz, Baldwin, Heinrich, Coons, Manchin, Peters, Boozman, McConnell, Murkowski, Hoeven, Collins, Rubio, Hagerty, and Fischer.

Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs: Senators Coons (Chair), Durbin, Shaheen, Merkley, Murphy, Van Hollen, Schatz, Graham, McConnell, Boozman, Moran, Rubio, and Hagerty.

Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies: Senators Schatz (Chair), Murray, Durbin, Feinstein, Reed, Coons, Murphy, Manchin, Van Hollen, Hyde-Smith, Collins, Boozman, Capito, Graham, Hoeven, Kennedy, and Moran.

Senators Murray and Collins are ex officio members of each subcommittee.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported 1,790 nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

GLOBAL SECURITY CHALLENGES

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine global security challenges and strategy, after receiving testimony from Bonny Lin, Center for Strategic and International Studies, Fiona Hill, Brookings Institution, and Roger Zakheim, Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute, all of Washington, D.C.

CLIMATE-RELATED ECONOMIC RISKS

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine climate-related economic risks and their costs to the Federal budget and the global economy, after receiving testimony from Robert B. Litterman, Commodity Futures Trading Commission Climate-Related Market Risk Subcommittee; Mark Carney, former Governor of the Banks of England and Canada, Toronto; and Douglas Holtz-Eakin, American Action Forum, Washington, D.C.

FAA NOTAM SYSTEM FAILURE

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Federal Aviation Administration's NOTAM system failure and its impacts on a resilient national airspace, after receiving testimony from Billy Nolen, Acting Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation.

LOW CARBON TRANSPORTATION FUELS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the future of low carbon transportation fuels and considerations for a national clean fuels program, after receiving testimony from Michael J. Graff, American Air Liquide Holdings Inc., Houston, Texas; Geoff Cooper, Renewable Fuels Association, Ellisville, Missouri; and Chris Spear, American Trucking Association, Washington, D.C.

NOMINATION

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Daniel I. Werfel, of the District of Columbia, to be Commissioner of Internal Revenue, Department of the Treasury, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Carper, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

FENTANYL

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine countering illicit fentanyl trafficking, after receiving testimony from Rahul Gupta, Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy, Executive Office of the President; Anne Milgram, Administrator, Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice; and Todd D. Robinson, As-

sistant Secretary of State for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Karla Ann Gilbride, of Maryland, to be General Counsel of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, and Glenna Laureen Wright-Gallo, of Nevada, to be Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, and LaWanda Amaker Toney, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary for Communications and Outreach, both of the Department of Education,

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 70, to require the Bureau of Indian Affairs to process and complete all mortgage packages associated with residential and business mortgages on Indian land by certain deadlines;

S. 277, to take certain land located in San Diego County, California, into trust for the benefit of the Pala Band of Mission Indians; and

S. 385, to amend the Native American Tourism and Improving Visitor Experience Act to authorize grants to Indian tribes, tribal organizations, and Native Hawaiian organizations.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Michael Arthur Delaney, of New Hampshire, to be United States Circuit Judge for the First Circuit, who was introduced by Senators Shaheen and Hassan, Jeffrey Irvine Cummings, and LaShonda A. Hunt, both to be a United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, and Marian F. Gaston, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California, and Wesley L. Hsu, and Monica Ramirez Almadani, both to be a United States District Judge for the Central District of California, who were all introduced by Senator Padilla, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House will meet at 10 a.m. on Friday, February 17, 2023.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2023

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings to examine the 2023 Farm Bill, focusing on nutrition programs, 10 a.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine bringing transparency and accountability to pharmacy benefit managers, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine the impact of the Russian Federation's war in Ukraine on European and global energy security one year after the invasion, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine ending trade that cheats American workers by modernizing trade laws and enforcement, fighting forced labor, eliminating counterfeits, and leveling the playing field, 10:30 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Richard R. Verma, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of State for Management and Resources, 10:30 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine health care workforce shortages, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider subcommittee assignments for the 118th Congress, and the nominations of Charnelle Bjelkengren, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Wash-

ington, Matthew P. Brookman, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Indiana, Michael Farbiarz, and Robert Kirsch, both to be a United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey, Orelia Eleta Merchant, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York, and Rosemarie Hidalgo, of the District of Columbia, to be Director of the Violence Against Women Office, Amy Lefkowitz Solomon, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Kate E. Brubacher, to be United States Attorney for the District of Kansas, and Ismail J. Ramsey, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of California, all of the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: business meeting to consider S. 10, to improve the workforce of the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 30, to authorize major medical facility projects for the Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2023, S. 106, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to award grants to States to improve outreach to veterans, S. 112, to amend title 38, United States Code, to strengthen benefits for children of Vietnam veterans born with spina bifida, S. 132, to require a pilot program on activities under the pre-separation transition process of members of the Armed Forces for a reduction in suicide among veterans, S. 141, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve certain programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs for home and community based services for veterans, S. 185, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the program for direct housing loans made to Native American veterans, S. 216, to amend title 38, United States Code, to modify the family caregiver program of the Department of Veterans Affairs to include services related to mental health and neurological disorders, and S. 326, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a study and clinical trials on the effects of cannabis on certain health outcomes of veterans with chronic pain and post-traumatic stress disorder, 9:45 a.m., SR-418.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Joshua David Jacobs, of Washington, to be Under Secretary for Benefits of the Department of Veterans Affairs, 10 a.m., SR-418.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Thursday, February 16

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Friday, February 17

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Lester Martinez-Lopez, of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense, post-cloture. At 11:30 a.m., Senate will vote on confirmation of the nominations of Daniel J. Calabretta, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of California, and Lester Martinez-Lopez, of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense. At 1:45 p.m., Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Maria Araujo Kahn, of Connecticut, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit.

House Chamber

Program for Friday: House will meet in Pro Forma session at 10 a.m.



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